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OUR NEW ORGANIZATION

The present issue of LIBRARY NOTES AND NEWS is the first to appear under the auspices of the State Department of Education.

It will be sent to public schools as well as public libraries, and material of interest to superintendents and school librarians will be included. Items of news regarding school libraries are solicited.

According to Chapter 334 of the Laws of 1919, the functions, powers and duties of the State Library Commission and its appointees are vested in the newly created State Board of Education. The existence of the State Library Commission, as a board, therefore terminated July 31, 1919. The work of the Commission will be continued as the LIBRARY DIVISION of the Department of Education, including in its field school libraries, as well as public and traveling libraries.

Miss Baldwin, as library director, has general supervision of the work, with special attention to problems of library administration and organization; Miss Wood, who joined the staff August 1st, will be specially concerned with supervision of school libraries, but will also visit and advise public libraries. Miss Cook has general charge of the traveling libraries with Miss Doty as reference assistant.

At the annual meeting of the board August 5th, a summary of the work of the Library Commission for the past twenty years was presented with a program for library service in Minnesota.

The summary of progress showed that public libraries have increased from 42 in 1899 to 153 in 1919, library buildings from 5 to 75, traveling libraries from 33, owned by clubs, to 628 owned by the state. In the meantime the traveling library has developed from a few boxes of books for recreative reading to a collection of over 30,000 volumes, while the lending of package libraries to individuals is an entirely new feature. During this period the position of supervisor of school libraries was created in the Department of Education, the School Library list was revised, and library service in schools encouraged. Supervision of work in State Institution libraries, at first undertaken by the Commission, has been assumed by the Board of Control.

The future program for library service in Minnesota was outlined as follows:

I. The Library of the Department of Education is to furnish local libraries and isolated districts with:

1. Traveling libraries.
2. Package libraries for club and reference work.

II. Library service for all is to be developed throughout the state either by libraries in separate public library buildings, school buildings, or both, according to local conditions, to be undertaken jointly by school and library boards, providing:

1. Adequate service through competent trained librarians.
2. Appropriate book collections.
3. Suitable rooms and equipment.

III. Publicity and Library Training to be developed through:

1. Personal visits and conferences with library and school boards and others.
2. Library and educational meetings (State and local).
3. County school institutes.
4. Meetings of clubs and other organizations.
5. Library summer school.
6. Exhibits at state and county fairs.
7. Library Notes and News. (a quarterly.)
8. Press throughout state.
9. Cooperation with University extension service, county agents and all agencies for community welfare.

IV. The Library of the Department of Education is to serve the staff of the Department.

SCHOOL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The Library Division of the Department of Education desires to serve educators in all lines throughout the state. The Supervisor of School Libraries would be glad to hear from superintendents and teachers who are planning new buildings, looking for trained librarians, or are seeking information about suitable books, pictures and other equipment, and the best way of teaching the pupils how to make use of printed matter.

In order to get into touch with the various sections as quickly as possible she will attend the district educational meetings and a number of institutes. Special visits will be made upon request.

The general purpose of the work will be to encourage in each locality the development of a strong library service both for the young people still in school and for the older ones who are continuing their reading and study.

It is suggested that the educators in each community study the service already established with a view to greater cooperation and inter-relation between the two boards, school and public library, having educational matters under their care.

Happily the library laws in Minnesota offer opportunities for greater expansion of library service. No community—no matter how small—need be without an adequate supply of books wisely and sympathetically administered.

a. The County Plan. The law permitting the organization of county libraries authorizes the board of county commissioners to establish at the county seat, or any other city, a county library and to levy a tax not to exceed one mill on that part of the county not already taxed for library purposes or to make a contract with an existing library for service. This law simply offers to the residents of any county an opportunity to join forces and to provide themselves with library service.

The first requisite for the success of the plan is the selection of a trained broad-minded, alert, librarian who will be able to serve acceptably whether the work to be done is the planning of a library building or the selection and distribution of the books.

b. School and Public Library Cooperation Plan. Another law permitting cooperation between public school and public library boards, provides that any school library may become a branch of a public library or arrange for service according to the needs of the school and the community. This plan does not contemplate the discontinuance

of school libraries in school buildings, but rather the proper selection and adjustment of the school libraries to the needs of the school and the utilization of all existing library facilities for the good of the school and the community. The school library is a laboratory and a training center and ideally should function every period of the school day. Its success depends upon the fitness of the librarian, even more than upon books, space and equipment, important as they are. The librarian must have scholarship equal to that of the best high school teacher, special professional training just as surely as any specialist, and above all an interest in young people. The personal equation is very important in this position because the school library properly conducted may become the social center of the school. If the use of books is taught systematically to all pupils throughout the course and the library is in action every period of the day, a full time librarian will be kept busy. In some localities a librarian who devotes all of her time to work with schools is employed jointly by school and library boards, while the details of cataloging and repair of books are cared for by the public library staff.

Each community has its own peculiar problems, best understood by its own people and worked out by them, in the light of their own experience and the experience of others.

New School Library Lists.

A new edition of Library Books for Elementary and Rural Schools, giving changed prices and a supplementary list of 270 titles has just been issued and a supply sent to each county superintendent. The old list is still of use for notes and grades and will be sent upon request.

A supplement for high schools will be issued shortly.

State aid may be obtained for the following titles of special value in relating history to reading.

- 398
1349aa (7-10) **Matthews, A. R.** Seven champions of Christendom. Ginn.....\$0.45

- 1350a (5-6) **Price, L. L.** Wandering heroes (Stories of heroes.) Silver..... .50

- 1350b (4-6) **Price, L. L. & Gilbert, C. B.** Heroes of myth (Stories of heroes.) Silver..... .50

571

- 1353b (4-6) **Holbrook, Florence.** Cave, mound and lake dwellers, and other primitive peoples. Heath..... .40

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- 1395aa (1-12) **Thacher, Mrs. L. W., comp.** Listening child. Macmillan..... 1.00

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- 1424u (4-6) **Chandler, A. C.** Magic pictures of the long ago; stories of the people of many lands. Holt..... 1.30

Library Visits.

In September the Supervisor of School Libraries visited the libraries on the Range, attending institutes at Coleraine and Grand Rapids and the meeting of the Clara Baldwin Library Club at Buhl.

Text-book Collections.

The care and handling of text book collections is of interest and the Library of the Department of Education is keeping on file accounts of the various systems that have been worked out in the state for the benefit of any desiring information on this subject. Please send in a statement of your methods. Miss Angela Coffey, of Ely, has made the first contribution.

H. A. W.

"There is a vast educational potentiality in the profession of the librarian. The mechanics of librarianship threaten this potentiality somewhat, * * * yet no one can fail to have a vision of the librarian in schools and colleges, in towns and villages, as a quiet, constant helper of the youth; patient, kindly, intelligent, with high ideals, guiding the feet of the young through the wonderful fields of the literature both of knowledge and of power."—E. O. Sisson, Commissioner of Education, Boise, Idaho.

**MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
JOINT MEETING WITH M. E. A., MINNEAPOLIS.**

PROGRAM

Thursday Afternoon, November 6,

2:00 o'clock.

- I. Round Table: County Library Extension in Minnesota, Clara F. Baldwin, Director of Libraries, State Department of Education, St. Paul, Chairman.
 - a. Reports from each county (10 minutes each).

Steele County—Carol Clarkson, Librarian, Public Library, Owatonna.
Washington County—Gertrude Glennon, Librarian, Public Library, Stillwater.
Anoka County—Mrs. Georgia A. Goss, Librarian, Public Library, Anoka.
Meeker County—Mrs. Alice A. Lamb, Librarian, Public Library, Litchfield.
Itasca County—Mrs. Elizabeth Huntley, Librarian, Public Library, Grand Rapids.
Olmsted County—Edna Emerick, Librarian, Public Library, Rochester.
Ramsey County—Ada Palmer, Librarian, Public Library, White Bear.
Clay County—Ethel S. McCubrey, Librarian, Public Library, Moorhead.
Hennepin County—Josephine Cloud, Supervisor of County Work, Minneapolis.
 - b. The Hibbing Library Bus.—Charlotte Clarke, Extension Librarian, Public Library, Hibbing.
 - c. Campaigning for a County Library—Sarah E. LeCrone, Librarian, Public Library, Faribault.
- II. Round Table: Library Trustees, H. L. Merrill, Trustee, Public Library, Hutchinson, Chairman.
 - a. Responsibility of Library Trustees—Mrs. E. M. Lafond, Trustee, Public Library, Little Falls.
 - b. The Library Budget—E. J. Stearns, Trustee, Public Library, Hutchinson.

Thursday Evening, November 6,

6:00 o'clock.

Dinner at West Hotel.

Music—Mrs. C. A. Weyerhauser, Little Falls.

Address: The Enlarged Program of the American Library Association. (Speaker to be furnished by the A. L. A.)

Lessons of Library War Service, by those who participated. (Three-minute talks.)

Friday Forenoon, November 7,

9:00 o'clock.

- I. Business Meeting.—Reports, Election of Officers.
- II. Round Table: Co-ordination of School and Public Libraries.—Harriet A. Wood, Supervisor of School Libraries, Department of Education, St. Paul, Chairman.
 - a. The Library in the New Educational Organization.—J. M. McConnell, Commissioner of Education, St. Paul.
 - b. The School Library Serving as a Public Library.—Margaret Gilpin, Librarian, School and Public Library, Nashwauk.
 - c. The Public Library Serving as a School Library.—Carolyn Williams, Librarian, Public Library, International Falls.
 - d. Co-operation in a City System.—Elizabeth Robinson, Chief of School Division, Public Library, St. Paul.
- III. Librarians and the Social Spirit—Miriam E. Carey, Supervisor of Institution Libraries, State Board of Control, St. Paul.

Friday Afternoon, November 7,

2:00 o'clock.

- I. Book Symposium:
 - a. Americanization.—H. D. Dickinson, District Judge, Minneapolis.
 - b. Industrial Democracy.—Oscar M. Sullivan, State Statistician, State Department of Labor and Industries, St. Paul.
 - c. New Education.—Florence Rood, Kindergarten Directress, Phalen Park School, St. Paul.
 - d. Books that are not Books.—Amy A. Lewis, Librarian, Public Library,ergus Falls.
 - e. New and Worth-while Books for Children.—Georgiana Ames, Director of Work with Children, Public Library, Minneapolis.
 - f. Nature Study for Children.—Della McGregor, Assistant in charge of Childrens' Room, Public Library, St. Paul.
 - g. Recent Verse.—Lucy L. Powell, Assistant, Public Library, Minneapolis.
 - h. A Passing Phase of American Humor.—(Reading)—John Seaman Garns, Head of Department of Dramatic Art, McPhail School of Music and Dramatic Art, Minneapolis

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Minnesota Library Association will be held in Minneapolis, November 6-8, 1919, as a joint meeting with the School Librarians' Division of the M. E. A. The identification of state library interests with the State Department of Education pointed toward the joint meeting as peculiarly fitting this year.

Close cooperation between schools and libraries should be brought about and the joint session will afford an excellent opportunity for teachers throughout the state to become better acquainted with library resources, and for librarians to obtain a better understanding of the methods and organization of the school system.

The American Library Association will send a strong speaker to present the enlarged program which the A. L. A. is launching, and the lessons of Library War Service will be set forth by those who participated. Minnesota sent some of her strongest librarians to the camp and hospital libraries and Miss Rosholt can tell us something of the work as she saw it over-seas.

Arrangements are also being made to have four-minute speeches on library aids at various section and department meetings of the M. E. A.

A special effort is being made to secure a good representation of library trustees. Mr. H. L. Merrill, trustee of the Hutchinson Public Library, will conduct the trustees' round table. The high cost of living is being keenly felt by libraries with fixed incomes as well as by individuals, while opportunities for service are constantly increasing. To meet the new demands of the reconstruction period, it is evident that larger appropriations are needed, and it is hoped that library trustees will realize their responsibilities as never before and respond to the call to study the question of the library budget, which is of vital interest to all.

The discussion of county libraries and the operation of the new law will suggest a solution of the new problems which may be applied in many communities.

Miss Harriet A. Wood, the new Supervisor of School Libraries, will conduct the round table on the Co-ordination of school and public libraries, and J. M. McConnell, Commissioner of Education, will speak on the Library's Place in the New Educational Organization.

It is gratifying to announce that Miss Carey has resumed her work in Institution libraries and her address on Libraries and the Social Spirit will bring the inspiration of her rich experience in War Library Service.

All the library section meetings will be held in the Minneapolis Public Library and the dinner at the West Hotel. The sessions have been arranged so as not to conflict with the general sessions of the M. E. A.

Exhibits. The A. L. A. Library War Service is furnishing an exhibit stressing the service for returned soldiers and sailors, and a collection of technical books. The Library Division of the Education Department will have an exhibit showing library progress in the state and county library work. Exhibits of library aids in school work will be shown by the speakers at various section meetings.

Headquarters. The West Hotel has been chosen as library headquarters. Rates are as follows: One in room, without bath, \$1.50 to \$2.00; two in room, without bath, \$2.50 to \$3.50; one in room with bath, \$2.00 to \$4.00; two in room with bath, \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Early reservation of rooms should be made direct with the hotel.

A table for library registration will be located in the lobby and all librarians attending the meeting are asked to register there whether they are staying in the hotel or not.

Membership. A larger membership in the association is needed to strengthen its work. Individual membership dues are \$1.00; annual dues thereafter 50 cents. Library membership dues are \$2.00, annual dues thereafter, \$1.00.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The 1919 Conference at Asbury Park was characterized by the interesting reports of library war service and plans for broader service in peace times both to the army and navy and to the general community. The lessons of the war service have shown the need of an endowment fund for the association, a library survey of the entire country, wider publicity and extension of library privileges. Library salaries received considerable attention and the unrest of the present day was reflected in the agitation by members of the Library Union of New York. An outstanding feature of the conference was the

publication of a daily newspaper, "The Use of Print." This paper was not merely a record of the sessions, but a live, up-to-date newspaper which added greatly to the interest of the meeting. The paper was widely distributed to libraries throughout the country, and it is hoped that librarians who received copies read them carefully and thus availed themselves of this opportunity to get the spirit of the conference at long distance.

While only a small number of Minnesota librarians attended the conference this year, there were over twenty people present at a Minnesota breakfast, including many former Minnesota workers. There is every indication that the conference of 1920 will be held in the West, where a larger representation from the state should be expected.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Chalmers Hadley, librarian, Denver Public Library.

First Vice-President, George H. Locke, librarian, Toronto Public Library.

Second Vice-President, Cornelia Marvin, librarian, Oregon State Library.

Miss Carey and Miss Baldwin were elected members of the Council, and E. J. Lien, librarian of the Minnesota State Library, was elected president of the National Association of State Libraries.

Library War Service

The latest A. L. A. publication, entitled "Books at Work, in the War, during the Armistice and After," gives the story in words and pictures of the work that was done for the army and navy. Fortunately the work is to be continued in cooperation with federal authorities, so that books and journals for recreation and serious study shall be within reach of every person in federal service.

The Library War Service is also taking an active part in the program of reconstruction, fitting the discharged American soldiers and sailors into useful civilian occupations. Many of the men from communities where there were no libraries have learned for the first time, through the camp libraries, something of the possibilities in the use of books. These men finding no adequate library service in their home towns are writing to the A. L. A. War Service, and a number of such letters have been referred to the State Traveling Li-

brary: If the books are not available either in the general collection of the traveling library or in some adjacent public library they are obtained from Library War Service headquarters. One request of this sort from a small town having no public library was for material on advertising and another man not far from a large collection of technical books asked for a book on making rattan furniture.

Any librarian receiving requests which she cannot supply should refer them to the Library of the Department of Education. The Library War Service is cooperating with state agencies in their efforts to reach every man, woman and child in America.

LIBRARY SALARIES

Resolution Adopted by the American Library Association June 27, 1919

WHEREAS, Investigations made by some of the most prominent members of the American Library Association have shown that salaries paid to library workers in the United States are inadequate to meet living expenses, and to compensate for the value of the service rendered, and

WHEREAS, The only way to meet the natural demand under present conditions, for higher salaries for library workers, is to secure increased appropriations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association strongly urge all governing or legislative bodies, federal, state, county, city, town, or village, to increase the appropriations for library salaries, in order to retain in the library service library workers who are forced by sheer necessity into other fields where the compensation constitutes a just return for scholarship and professional training; and, further be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association take every available means to give this resolution the widest publicity especially among those controlling appropriations for library salaries.

The above resolution is called to the attention of library boards, who are urged to give the matter their serious attention. It is encouraging to note that several library boards have already met the problem with gratifying increases, and it is evident that larger appropriations must be secured if adequate library service is to be rendered. In the case of some of the smaller libraries, the minimum

wage law has been applied, which requires a minimum of \$10.25 per week in towns of less than 5000, and \$11.00 per week in towns of 5000 or over.

CLARA BALDWIN LIBRARY CLUB

The Biwabik library entertained the Clara Baldwin Library Club at its annual picnic in June at the Eshquagama Club near Biwabik.

The July meeting was held at the Mesabi Park, Hibbing, instead of at the library.

Each member discussed a few recent books.

Miss Gilpin reported on the A. L. A. convention. After the report a discussion on how the libraries can assist in Americanization was held.

The Club met at Coleraine in August. The program consisted of a discussion on technical periodicals. Living quarters for librarians on the Range were discussed.

The September meeting was held at Buhl. Miss Clara Baldwin and Miss Harriet Wood, of the State Department of Education, were present. The entire meeting was given over to a discussion of county library work. Miss Baldwin led the meeting. Following the discussion luncheon was served in the auditorium of the library.

MARGARET GILPIN,
Secretary.

LIBRARY EXHIBITS

State Fair Exhibit. For the first time in several years the Library Division had a separate booth at the State Fair. Through the courtesy of the Fair management and the various libraries in the Twin Cities a pleasant booth in the school annex was furnished to show the various state library activities.

The American Library Association sent several large posters, and fifty volumes of technical books, such as are being used in educational and reconstruction work. These made an immediate appeal to men and to boys still in technical school, who seemed delighted to locate books that they knew or to learn new titles of authoritative books along their lines of interest.

There was an exhibit of children's illustrators accompanied by a collection of beautifully illustrated children's books featuring especially the illustrators whose work was shown, Mother Goose books and French illustrators. Children and adults both enjoyed this exhibit.

The St. Paul library lent some of the posters made by the 8th grade and High-school pupils in the poster contest for Library Week last spring. Nothing that was shown created more interest than these posters and both librarians and school teachers determined to try this in their town. The excellence of the work may be judged by the fact that several people thought the illustrations from children's books, which were on exhibit, were the work of the school pupils.

Club and debate reference work was shown by actual collections of books, pamphlets and magazine articles. This feature of the traveling library dealing directly with individuals made a personal appeal to all doing study or debate work.

Interest was shown in the traveling libraries, which were exhibited in the cases in which they are sent out. A general library of 50 volumes, a rural library and a juvenile library were shown. One man said the traveling library was one of the best extension activities in the state, and another said he learned to use books through a Farmers' Club Library kept in his home.

Books representing the additional titles on the supplement to the Elementary and Rural School List were loaned by the St. Paul Book & Stationery Company and interested all of the teachers and many of the mothers.

In addition to the collections of books, there were charts and maps showing the activities and progress of the Library Division of the Department of Education. A large map of Minnesota starred for public, club and traveling libraries attracted much attention, as everyone was interested to see whether his or her home town was represented.

The demand for souvenirs was satisfied with dodgers stating that one book or a box of books would be loaned by the library and giving the new name and the address. These were distributed in quantities. In addition to these, limited numbers of the American Library Association pamphlet, "The Job Book," and the following lists of books were distributed: Children's books; Graded lists; Stories for reading aloud; Americanization; Heroism and Stories and programs for the story hour.

Charities and Corrections Conference. A library exhibit was arranged by the Library Division of the Department of Education at the State Conference of Charities and Corrections at Red Wing, September 13-16,

in cooperation with Miss Grace Meyer, librarian of the Red Wing Public Library, who supplied the necessary furniture and collection of magazines. The A. L. A. exhibit mentioned above was a prominent feature, also the state library maps and charts. In addition, reading-room equipment was emphasized as the social workers of the state are particularly interested in this phase of library work. The presence of many county officers gave an opportunity to advertise the plan of county library extension.

Miss Baldwin and Miss Wood of the State Department, and Miss Carey, Supervisor of Institution Libraries represented library interests at the conference.

Library War Service Exhibit. The Library War Service exhibit will remain in the state until after the M. L. A. meeting in November. Any libraries which can make use of it at county fair exhibits or elsewhere are asked to apply at once to the Library Division, Department of Education, St. Paul.

BUYING LIST FOR SMALL LIBRARIES

Librarians are reminded that since the increase in price of the A. L. A. Book List, it has been necessary to discontinue sending it to the larger libraries, which can afford to subscribe for their own copies, and to the smallest libraries which spend less than \$100 a year for books, and not more than one copy can be furnished to any library. The following brief list of new books is recommended to small libraries and the Library Division is glad to offer further suggestions for purchases and to give advice as to specific titles whose purchase is being considered.

FICTION

Ashford, Daisy. Young visitors. Doran. \$1.00.

A delightful and unusual bit of humor. A story of English society life written by a girl of nine and published with the original spelling. Introduction by J. M. Barrie.

Arnim, M. A. B. Christopher and Columbus. Doubleday, \$1.60.

An entirely delightful tale. The Twinkler twins themselves are dear and sweet and lovable and have no relation whatever to real life. Their youth and freshness and incurable frankness are altogether charming. N. Y. Times.

Bacon, J. D. On our hill. Scribner. \$2.00.

A delightful humorous interpretation of a mother's guidance of her young children under the ideal conditions of wealth and home. At times the mother is rather complacent about her achievements. A. L. A.

Bojer, Johan. Great hunger. Moffat. \$1.60.

Tragic and rather depressing, but interesting and well written. A distinctly different book from the ordinary run of fiction and worth reading. Wisconsin.

Bruere, M. S. B. Mildred Carver, U. S. A. Macmillan. \$1.50.

Story supposes that this country has enlisted upon a phase of universal service for men and women and shows what it can do for young people, especially those of the upper classes. Bk. rev. dig.

Clifford, L. L. Miss Fingal. Scribner. \$1.50.

Study of the effect of character of a dead person on the life and character of a living person. No mention of spiritualism in the story, nor any of the commonplaces about the future life; the reader is given the incidents and is left to draw his own conclusions.

Lippmann, J. M. Flexible Ferdinand. Doran. \$1.50.

The interest in the book is in the character development of Ferdinand, the impressionable child who seems weak willed and unstable until his powers reach their height. This is when he joins the army at the declaration of war. The early childhood pictures are most attractive. A. L. A.

Locke, W. J. Far away stories. Lane. \$1.50.

Unusually good collection of short stories all but one of which were written before the war. Good for reading aloud.

McKishnie, A. P. Willow, the Wisp. Houghton. \$1.35.

Canadian story of a game preserve and how it remade a man broken physically and spiritually. Intrigue and plot mixed with outdoor life. Will class as a western story.

Paine, A. B. Dwellers in Arcady. Harper. \$1.50.

A man and his wife discover an abandoned farm; the house has a fascinating collection of "rubbish" in the attic, so they buy the place. The story tells how they brought their three children and lived there. Told with quiet charm. A. L. A.

Prouty, O. H. Good sports. Stokes. \$1.40.

These are terse little stories, mostly of women, who overcome difficulties, financial, physical, mental and others and prove themselves "good sports" in a pleasant way. Good to read aloud. A. L. A.

Reynolds, Katherine. Green valley. Little. \$1.50.

Story of a small midwestern country village in which all the villagers play a part. There is a nice grandmother who is everybody's friend, and there are two pretty love stories, and a fight for prohibition. A. L. A.

Rinehart, M. R. Love stories. Doran. \$1.50.

Seven short stories mostly with a hospital for their setting. Clever and readable and interesting although they all do have a "happy ending." Not equal to some of her longer stories, but better than "Dangerous Days."

Sawyer, Ruth. Doctor Danny. Harper. \$1.35.

All that is most winning in the native Irish character. They are not so much realistic sketches as whimsical transcriptions of the Irish spirit in its most childlike and elusive element. Cath. world.

Stewart, C. D. Buck. Houghton. \$1.60.

Varied Chicago career of Buck who left college in his junior year and tried many things in Chicago—furniture-moving, hearse driving, ring master in an amateur circus, etc. Wealth finally comes to him through a successful invention and marriage and happiness follow.

Tarkington, Booth. Ramsey Milholland. Doubleday. \$1.50.

Ramsey Milholland is the American youth in college. His little-boy and college fights prepare us for his enlistment, the first from his college, into the big fight of the European war. And Ramsey himself is the explanation of the conversion of the heroine from an ultra-pacifist to a patriot.

Tompkins, J. W. Starling. Bobbs. \$1.50.

Story of Sarah Cawthorne, who lives behind the high hedge built by her selfish father. However Sarah gets to know two men, writes a book, and finally learns that there are conditions under which one can live happily even behind such a hedge.

Van Dyke, Henry. Valley of vision. Scribner. \$1.50.

Inspiring yet restrained sketches with a war background. "Broken soldier and the Maid of France" has been published separately. Very good to use where there is still a demand for war stories.

Watts, M. S. From father to son. Macmillan. \$1.75.

Rather unusual story as it has no hero or heroine, and no apparent climax. Concerns the estrangement of father and son, brought about by the son's discovery of tainted money at the base of the family fortune. Character studies are well done as the author had a keen sense of humor.

NON-FICTION

Booth, E. C. and Hill, G. L. War romance of the Salvation Army. Lippincott. \$1.50.

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One of the most inspiring accounts of Christian service that the modern world has known. If any one record of the war could serve as a basis of reasoned assurance that the war had not been fought in vain and that practical Christianity would triumph in the era to come it would be the record of the Salvation Army at the front. Rev. of Rev.

Clark, G. H. Treasury of war poetry. v. 2. Houghton. \$1.50.

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Fully as good as the first volume and a collection that will be needed in every library. British and American poems, 1914-1919.

Cope, H. F. School in the modern church. Doran. \$1.50.

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Chapters on the ideals and practical problems of the new type of church school, written for schools which while accepting and following new methods still must struggle with inadequacy of equipment, meager support, ignorance and indifference. Not an ideal school but looks at actual situations. Pref.

Dewey, Evelyn. New schools for old. Dutton. \$2.00.

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An account of what Mrs. Harvey has accomplished in the Porter community in Missouri. She took a rural school with poor buildings and equipment, small attendance and no community spirit and through it built up a community first interested, then loyal and then effective in accomplishment.

Douglass, H. P. Little town. Macmillan. \$1.50.

630

The author recognizes that the little town is neither city nor country. The interest is mainly on the religious side of rural progress. His little manual is inspiring and helpful. It might well be taken as a text book by every selectman and allowed to work as a ferment in the minds of every woman's club.

Hazen, C. D. Fifty years of Europe, 1870-1919. Holt. \$2.25.

940

Masterly one volume history of Europe during an all-important period by an authority. Based on the author's "Modern European history," but somewhat changed and amplified in places.

North, C. E. Farmer's clean milk book. Wiley. \$1.00.

637

Shows the ordinary farmer how to produce milk as clean as certified milk without expensive apparatus. Cannot be too strongly advertised. A. L. A.

Peabody, J. P. Piper. Houghton. \$0.52

812

A charming play based on the "Pied piper" in so cheap an edition that no library can afford to be without it. As good or better to read than to see.

Ross, E. A. What is America? Century. \$1.25.

917.3

Purpose appears to be to pour oil on the troubled waters of social unrest and its dominant note is optimistic faith in the "virtuous democracy" of the bulk of Americans. Bk. rev. digest.

Shelby, G. M. How to face peace. Holt. \$1.50.

330

A practical book which gives sensible answers to the question every community is asking. "How may we use the forces and organizations we built up to help win the war so as to do the even harder thing of helping to meet the varied problems of reconstruction."

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Aldon, Adair. Pirate of Jasper's peak. Macmillan. \$1.35.

A boy of 16, waiting to grow old enough for college, spends a winter in northern Minnesota searching for two friends who have been lost since going on a hunting trip. War element. A. L. A.

Bruce, P. A. Brave deeds of Confederate soldiers. Jacobs. \$1.50.

973.7

It is good for northern boys and girls to know more about the southern soldiers in the Civil war. One can admire and respect such an enemy even while one fights him.

Bryant, S. C. I am an American. Houghton. \$0.60.

320

Short sketches told in simple style, teaching patriotism.

Gilchrist, Beth. Cinderella's granddaughter. Century. \$1.50.

Delightful story telling of Dorothea's wonder visit, her good times, how the clock struck twelve for her, and then just a wee hint as to whom the prince may be.

Lamprey, L. In the days of the guild. Stokes. \$1.50.

Twenty-two chapters forming a narrative of sustained interest yet each telling a complete story, with the days of Mediaeval England as a background and the beginning of some guild industry as a subject. A. L. A.

Lucia, Ruth. Peter and Polly in autumn. Amer. Bk. Co. \$0.48.

A fourth story about Peter and Polly which will be as popular as the former ones. Attractive in style and makeup.

Moon, G. P. Lost Indian magic. Stokes. \$1.50.

970.1

Has folklore and history and adventure and tells how Kay-yah, swift and strong, went forth to search for the lost magic of his tribe, in the mysterious desert.

Parkman, M. R. Fighters for peace. Century. \$1.50.

920

Popular, brief biographies of twelve soldiers and statesmen prominent in the war. A photograph accompanies each sketch. English, Italian, French and American leaders. A. L. A.

Simpson, J. T. Hidden treasure. Lippincott. \$1.50.

Story of how Bob and his uncle applied modern methods to a non-paying farm and made a success of it. A sand pit and a friendly banker contributed greatly to this success, but the story is one to encourage agriculture and rural life.

Tappan, E. M. Little book of the war. Houghton. \$0.60.

940.9

Best single volume on the European war for young people.

CURRENT MINNESOTA LITERATURE

An index to books and magazine articles relating to Minnesota of today, compiled by the staff of the St. Paul Public Library.

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Duluth. The zenith city of the unsalted seas. II. Bulletin of the affiliated engineering societies of Minnesota. 4:25-28, Je. '19.

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----- Cost of St. Paul Public schools. S. O. Hartwell. Official Bulletin 2:4-7, Je. 1, '19.

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----- Home gardening in the Minneapolis public schools. S. D. Dickinson. School Education 38:37-38, My. '19.

Engineering. Engineering activities of the Twin cities. F. C. Shenehon. Bulletin of the affiliated engineering societies of Minnesota. 4:131-139, Ag. '19.

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NOTES FOR LIBRARIANS

Annual Reports. Blanks for annual reports of public libraries were sent out in June, but up to date only about 80 reports have been received, a little over one-half of the number of libraries in the state. If you have failed to receive blanks, please write us at once, and send the report without further delay. Latest statistics of public libraries are constantly in demand and delinquents are urged to comply with this request and save the department the expense of sending out another notice.

Library Laws. The laws regarding public and school libraries will be included in the new handbook of Laws of Minnesota relating to education which is now in press. Copies will be sent to all libraries.

The rules of the Department of Education relating to schools are also in press, and will contain the rules regarding school library aid and regulations as to combining school and public libraries.

School Libraries. In his paper, "School Libraries of the Next Decade," read at the recent conference of the American Library Association, Mr. Jesse B. Davis, Principal of the Central High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, has sounded a note of inspiration and direction well worth the consideration of High School Superintendents and Librarians. Reprints of this paper have been issued and a copy may be obtained upon application to the Library Division of the State Department of Education.

Children's Book Week. The slogan for Children's Book Week, November 10-15, is "More books in the home!" Librarians should welcome this opportunity to get parents interested in buying better books for children, and secure the cooperation of book dealers. A new edition of the Bookshelf for Boys and Girls has been issued by the Publishers' Weekly, and is sold to libraries at the cost of printing—100 copies for \$5.

Child Welfare. A selected list of books and pamphlets on Child Welfare, compiled by Elva L. Bascom and Dorothy Reed Mendenhall, has been published by the Council on Health and Public Instruction of the American Medical Association.

Copies of these have been sent to public libraries, which should check the list and secure the best material, much of which may be had for the asking.

BOOKS WANTED

As noted in the news items, the Northome public library has been destroyed by fire. An effort will be made to reopen it soon, and books are greatly needed. Will you not make an appeal for books to your patrons, and send any gifts to Mrs. L. D. Beach, Northome, Minn.

REFERENCE BOOKS OFFERED

The following reference books are offered to any library which will pay the transportation charges. While all of them are old editions, they contain much standard information which might be supplemented by the up-to-date handbooks, and would be of use in a small library which cannot afford to buy a late standard cyclopedia.

Address: Harriet W. Sewall, Librarian,
University Dept. of Agriculture,
University Farm, St. Paul.

Brockhaus conversationslexikon, 13th ed. Leipzig, 1882-87. 16 v. and suppl. (in German language.)

Columbian cyclopedia. N. Y., Garretson, Cox & Co., 1892, 32 v., O.

New national encyclopedia of arts, sciences, history, etc. Ed. by J. C. Ridpath and others, N. Y. National Encyclopedia Co., 1896. 4 v.

The Library of the Department of Education has received for distribution to any library which applies for them the following:

Granger. Index to poetry. 1904 ed.

Reader's guide. Annual volumes for 1910, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

New Organization.

As is noted elsewhere, August 1st the Minnesota Library Commission became the Library Division of the Department of Education. This change in name does not affect the plan or work or even name of the Traveling Library Department which is still known as the Minnesota Free Traveling Library. It simply means a closer association of school and public library work in the state. We have freely sent collections to schools in the past but we hope under the new plan that the number may be increased. Communications

may be addressed to the Minnesota Free Traveling Library or to the Library Division, Department of Education, Historical Bldg., St. Paul.

New Libraries.

We have one new general fifty volume library of thirty adult and twenty juvenile books, ready to circulate. Also a new rural library of twenty-five volumes ordered and partly assembled, to circulate soon.

New Collections.

The Traveling Library has added a new collection, a little public health library of ten volumes. This collection is sent out to any community upon the application of a public health nurse or the Minnesota Public Health Association. There is no fee but the borrower pays the transportation both ways.

New Applications.

With the opening of school a gratifying number of requests is coming in from rural and consolidated schools. We would be glad if we could put a traveling library in every such school in the state. Has yours one?

We have had several requests for discarded books. The demand for books for camp and transport service, and the need in districts devastated by fire or cyclone in our own state have exhausted our supply of available discards so that we have no more to give out. If you feel a need for books in your home or community why not send for a traveling library instead?

New Librarian.

Along with all the other "news" is a new librarian. She wishes to greet all those who have or have had a traveling library and earnestly bespeaks their cooperation and help in building up the work in the state. Suggestions and criticisms are always welcome, for it is only through the satisfaction of those who are using the traveling libraries that the number can be increased.

LILLIAN E. COOK,
Librarian.

REFERENCE LIBRARY NOTES

The question for the state debate this year is, "Resolved, that the United States should grant complete independence to the Philippines." The Wilson handbook on this subject is permanently out of print. This re-

moves from the list of accessibles a very present help and makes it imperative that librarians and school people interested in the debate watch the current papers and magazines for help.

This will be true also for those interested in the State Discussion League. The subject chosen is the very up-to-date one of how to eliminate friction between labor and capital.

Nearly sixty club libraries have been reserved for the club year, but there are still libraries available on the following subjects:

Africa	Italy
Alaska	Japan
American literature	Mexico
Art	Minnesota
Art, American	Missions
Art, Greek and Roman	Netherlands
Arts and crafts	New Zealand
Austria	Norway, Sweden and
Bible—New Testament	Denmark
Egypt	Painting
England—history	Russia
England—travel	Scotland
English literature—	South America
Shakespeare	Spain
France	Switzerland
Germany	U. S. History
Home economics	U. S. Travel
Hygiene	Woman suffrage

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PERSONAL

Miss Martha Wilson, who so efficiently organized school library work in Minnesota, is now School Librarian in Cleveland, Ohio. Her School Library Management, the standard work on the subject, revised and enlarged, has been published by the H. W. Wilson Co.

Mrs. J. T. Jennings, formerly chief of the Catalog Division, St. Paul Public Library, has been appointed assistant librarian. Mrs. Jennings was for ten years chief cataloger in the Cornell University Library. Before coming to St. Paul she was reference librarian in the Iowa State Agricultural College, and instructor in the Library School at Riverside, California.

Miss Edna L. Goss, formerly head cataloger in the University of Minnesota Library has been appointed chief of the Catalog Division, to fill the vacancy. Miss Goss is a graduate of the Illinois Library School, was librarian of the Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History, and later senior assistant in the John Crerar Library, cataloger in the University of California and Stanford University, and head cataloger in the Bryn Mawr College Library.

Miss Ruth Rosholt, who went to France under the auspices of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for Y. M. C. A. work overseas, has returned to her position as chief of the Catalog Department in the Minneapolis Public Library. She was stationed at the leave area in Biarritz, and in addition to other work had charge of the library there.

Miss Edith Frost, who did Red Cross canteen work in France has returned to the Linden Hills Branch.

Ernest Johnson has returned from A. L. A. War Service, to be assistant in the Technical Department, Minneapolis Public Library.

New trained children's librarians have been added to the Minneapolis staff as follows:

Eloise Schmidt, Western Reserve Library School, Cleveland, at Pillsbury Branch; Anna London, Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh at Seven Corners Branch; Miss M. E. Russell, Simmons College Library School, at Walker Branch.

Miss Miriam E. Carey, who has been supervisor of hospital library work for the A. L. A., has returned to her position with the State Board of Control, as supervisor of institution libraries.

Miss Alma Penrose, formerly librarian at West High School, Minneapolis, has been appointed assistant librarian at Carleton College, Northfield.

Miss Leet, formerly of the North Branch, Minneapolis, succeeds Miss Penrose as librarian of the West High School.

Miss Alice M. Dunlap, N. Y. Public Library School, who has had two years of experience in N. Y. library branches, has been appointed assistant librarian at Duluth, to succeed Miss Lucile Patton, who was married to Mr. George Pierson of Duluth in August.

Miss Mary R. Lucas, of Brooklyn, a graduate of the Carnegie Library School at Pittsburgh, has been appointed children's librarian at Duluth.

Miss Irma Walker has resigned her position as school and public librarian, at Biwabik and has joined the Hibbing library staff as librarian of the Alice Branch.

Two other appointments on the Hibbing library staff are Miss Nell Melcher, University of Minnesota library, Minneapolis, in charge of the loan desk, and Miss Angeline McNeil, of the University of Illinois, as cataloger.

Miss Flora F. Carr has resigned her position as librarian at Mankato, and expects to take up library work in the West. The library board expressed its regret in accepting her resignation, and recorded their appreciation of her efficiency, faithfulness and devotion to the welfare of the library.

Miss Janet Bain, of Mankato, who has completed a year's library course at Columbia University, succeeds Miss Carr as librarian, and Miss Butcher, of the St. Joseph, Mo., Public Library, who has attended the summer session of the University of Illinois Library School, has been made first assistant.

Miss Kathryn MacGregor has been appointed librarian at Bemidji, to succeed Miss Beatrice Mills, who has taken a position in Washington, D. C.

Miss Mildred Riley, librarian at Cloquet, has resigned her position, and with another young woman has opened "The Quality Shoppe" at Cloquet. Miss Grace Cameron, formerly assistant librarian, has been made acting librarian.

Miss Carolyn Gillette, Western Reserve Library School, has been appointed children's librarian at Buhl.

Miss Winifred Lewis has returned from the Wisconsin Library School to her position in the Chisholm Public Library, and Miss Frances Gandsey has gone to Cleveland to take a year's course in children's work.

Miss Leila Stickles, children's librarian at Red Wing, attended the Iowa Library Summer School of 1919.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

(Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. They should be sent to the Library Director of the Department of Education by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.)

Albert Lea. A meeting in the library auditorium to promote the interests of the library was addressed by Dr. W. Dawson Johnston, librarian of the St. Paul Public Library.

Buhl. The first annual report of the library indicates that it ranks first in the state in number of books per capita, first in number of books loaned, and first in per cent of citizens who are borrowers.

Chatfield. The Chatfield Public Library sent 35 books to Cloquet after the fire and also 200 books to the soldiers.

Cloquet. Mrs. J. E. Lynds and Mrs. J. J. De Lescaille have given \$30,000 to the city of Cloquet to rebuild the library building. The gift is a memorial to their father, George S. Shaw, a pioneer lumberman, and the building will be known as the Shaw Memorial Library. The insurance on the old building, which amounts to \$11,000, will be used for books and equipment. The building will be erected on the old foundation and will be similar in plan to the former building as remodeled just before the fire.

Duluth. The library has been completely renovated during the summer by fresh paint throughout the interior of the building. New lights have been installed in several places.

Fergus Falls. The public library was seriously damaged in the cyclone which devastated the city the last of June. While the walls were intact, the roof was badly damaged and every window, glass and casing was torn out. Water, dirt, splinters, broken glass and debris of every description covered the floors, and many books, pictures and maps were an entire loss. Unfortunately there was no cyclone insurance, and although an appeal to the Carnegie Corporation has met with some encouragement, nothing has been received from that source. The council has met the crisis by increasing the tax levy, and the school board had previously increased the sum paid to the library board under its contract for service to \$900 for the school year.

The basement room will be used for a reference and reading room until the main library can be repaired, and no books will be circulated until the main library is ready. Chief attention will be given to reference work for the schools and clubs.

Hibbing. The Hibbing "traveling library" was put in operation in June and has proved an unqualified success. A two-ton motor bus has been equipped with shelves on both sides, a leather cushioned seat at the rear, and a librarian's seat and desk back of the driver's seat. There is a shelf capacity for from 1200 to 1500 books, and sufficient floor space to accommodate 8 or 10 adults or 13 or 14 children at one time. The route includes 27 locations. Three to five are vis-

ited in one day, so that each place is reached once a week with the exception of a few of the smaller and less accessible points. Miss Charlotte Clarke is in charge of the work, and is reaching foreign-born men and women who would never come to the central library. It is an interesting sight to see the women and children hurrying out of their cottages, as the bus comes clanging up the street. Sometimes the bus stops at a community picnic while Miss Clarke tells stories, or a section boss stops his gang long enough for all to take a book.

The class of reading asked for by the men at the shops especially the returned soldiers is encouraging. Many are studying French, and books on economics are eagerly sought. If the desired book is not found, a note of the request is made and it is brought out on the next trip. More foreign books were circulated from the bus in one month than from the main library in a year, and real Americanization is being carried on through the close touch which is established with people in their homes.

An exhibit of over fifty canvasses from the J. W. Young art collection of Chicago was held at the library auditorium for three days during the week of the St. Louis County Fair. There were 1000 visitors daily, and the success of the exhibit insures its becoming an annual event. Visitors were asked to vote for their favorite pictures and about \$8000 worth were purchased for the library.

Jackson. The library has been repapered and painted, more lights put in, new book-cases, another reading table and some new pictures added to the furnishings.

Litchfield. A home talent play netted \$71.70 for the library book fund.

Minneapolis. The library had a county library exhibit at the Hennepin Co. Fair in Hopkins, September 18-20.

The annual reports for 1917-18 have just been published in an attractively illustrated pamphlet of 90 pages. The war work of the library and its part in Americanization are emphasized, and the resources of its various departments are set forth in an interesting sketch entitled, "Mr. and Mrs. Reader Discover the Library." Copies of the report have been mailed to Minnesota libraries.

Northfield. Mr. and Mrs. Mabon have given to the library three cases of fine natural history specimens and Prof. Robert L. Scofield of Tacoma has turned over many valuable historical papers dealing with the early life of Northfield.

Northome. The village hall of Northome which contained the library of 300 v., was totally destroyed by fire in August. At the annual meeting of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs, several clubs promised gifts of books, so that it is hoped the library may be re-opened as soon as a suitable room can be found.

Preston. A story-hour has been held throughout the summer every Monday afternoon.

Rushford. A bequest of \$100, made to the library by the late Jonathan Webster, has been added to the Stevens fund for the upkeep of the building.

St. Cloud. Plans are being made to establish a station at the Pan Motor addition in cooperation with the head of the welfare department of the Pan Motor Co.

Thief River Falls. An exhibit of new books was made in the educational department of the county fair.

Willmar. The library was closed for two weeks in August while the interior was re-decorated.

Worthington. A children's clinic for Nobles Co. was held at the public library during fair week.

The committee in charge of the district tuberculosis Sanatorium has appropriated \$100 for the beginning of a library for the patients, and a general solicitation for books is now being carried on in surrounding counties.

UNIQUE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

A book department was established in the St. Paul Pioneer Press May 26th which is remarkable in several aspects. It is edited by the city librarian; it is devoted to books added to the Public Library; the reviews are written by readers; and they are short. As the librarian says: "Book reviews are often written to please either the publisher or the reviewer; these book notes are written by readers and for readers."

The book notes are of three kinds: (1) those relating to individual books, (2) those relating to the works of individual authors, and (3) those relating to the literature, particularly the recent literature, of specific subjects.

In addition to the book notes there are personal notes about authors similar to those found in literary pages in other newspapers

THE NEW BOOKS REVIEWED BY READERS OF ST. PAUL

They Tell What They Think of Late Arrivals at
the Public Library.

—Edited by City Librarian.—

Note—Readers' questions with regard to books should be addressed to the City Librarian. Answers to these questions of general interest will be published in this column.

New Van Dyke Book.

"VALLEY OF VISION," by Henry Van Dyke, N. Y. C. Scribner's Sons. 1919. 304 p. \$1.50.

Whether prose or poem, fact or fiction, the literature which has its roots deep in the blood-red soil of the war bears the hall mark of a deep sincerity. This is peculiarly true of the collection of "Fables, Fantasies—Mere Sketches," as Dr. Van Dyke characterizes his recent book, "The Valley of Vision."

From the first words of the preface and on through the book the reader is under the spell of a mystic, of one who from the depth of the valley catches the glint of the sun in the height, and, whatever the interpretation may be, reverently uncovers his head in the presence of such a psychic experience as his journey into the far country of "A remembered dream" where twenty-five years ago, in what seemed an ancient city there stood a great cathedral whose gray stone steps were the scene of a mighty struggle between "heroic figures" recognized as God and Man.

Dr. Van Dyke says "I shall try to tell the story of this dream just as if the thing were real. Perhaps it was." The query comes to dreamer and reader. Did the dream foreshadow the catastrophe of 1914? "Did the vast depths give up those 'Men who looked like Jackals and had fangs inside of them.' Who through four war-torn years, at the bidding of man, defied God even as Milton's Satan and his host?"

If at the end of the narrative of this remarkable dream, a quarter of a century old, the reader will turn back to the preface, which I venture to prophesy he will read more than once, he will have established the mood and have found the key which together will enable him to find his way into the heart of the book.

"Where more is meant than meets the eye," and where from his point on the valley of vision becomes

ture—

with the genius of its conductor, an indomitable spirit and high musical ideals, this story of Dr. Wolfe's fight and ultimate success in making Bach popular with the masses will prove interesting reading.

The taste for Bach—vocally at least—is said to be as it is for olives—acquired; therefore, all honor to the man who by his tenacity of purpose, has made it possible to maintain the continuous interest which the yearly festival commands.

Interesting, too, will be found the story of the early settlement of Moravians in the town of Bethlehem, their missionary soul being equalled if not surpassed by their devotion to the best things in music.

Mr. Walters has given an unbiased account of the work of the choir. He has culled criticisms from various authorities and they are not all entirely favorable, but on the whole, the criticism is of the constructive kind.

An entire chapter is devoted to Mr. Schwab who is a generous patron financially of the festival.

When one has read the book the impression will be, that it is the life-story of a finely equipped musician, devoted to art on a high plane and exemplified by the work of the Bach choir. Theodore Thomas wrote of Dr. Wolfe as "The only man in America who was able to give a Bach festival and that of three days." To which may be added, "The one man in the country who inspires and leads a choir devoted to Bach—an important force in choral music in America today."

G. A. THORNTON.

Arctic Adventure.

"FOUR YEARS IN THE WHITE NORTH," by Donald B. Macmillan, New York. Harper & Bros. 1918. 476 p.

If all Arctic explorers had the present author's talents the literature of Arctic exploration would become

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them, for they went out only to find the North Pole. W. D. J.

Good Health.

"HEALTH STORIES FOR TEACHERS AND PUPILS," by Honora Costigan and H. W. Hill, St. Paul: Minnesota Public Health Association. 1919. 88 p.

This pamphlet should be of interest not only to teachers and pupils, but to all interested in the subject of public health. Even the table of contents is interesting, as the following headings will show: "Disease Germs Eat Our Bodies," "Discharge of Diseased Persons Carry Disease Germs," "Sunlight and Drying Kill Disease Germs," "We Are the Crust of the Earth," "Fats May Save Your Life," "Baby Must Be Given the Largest Helping," "How the Body Cools Off."

Literary Notes.

The library is receiving the American Legion Weekly, which began publication July 4.

News comes from England that Hugh Walpole will visit the United States in the autumn, and expects to arrive in New York in September.

Captain Alan Bott of the British Royal Flying Corps, whose book, "Cavalry of the Clouds," was one of the first of the books on air fighting to achieve a wide popular success, has just completed a lecture tour of the entire country and returned to England.

In a recent statement in regard to the continued popularity of Mark Twain, Albert Bigelow Paine says that the royalty paid last year to his estate was larger than Mark himself ever received in any one year. The aggregate sale of his books in the United States alone was \$1,567 volumes, and there was no one of his books that did not sell more than 20,000 copies.

The American Philosophical society of Philadelphia offers the Henry M. Phillips prize of \$200 for the best essay on "The Control of the Foreign Relations of the United States: The Relative Rights, Duties and Responsibilities of the President, of the Senate and the House, and of the Judiciary, in Theory and Practice." Essays must be in